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Dear Mr. Stanley:

SUBMITTAL OF SIXTY-DAY NOTIFICATION REQUIRED BY LAND DISPOSAL RESTRICTION FINAL DETERMINATION DATED AUGUST 4, 2000

In reference to your letter to Mary Jarvis, U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), same subject, dated August 4, 2000, in the spirit of cooperation between our respective agencies, RL and Office of River Protection (ORP) would like to arrange a meeting to discuss Ecology's concerns.

Per the Director of Ecology's Final Determination dated March 29, 2000, "RL's 2000 submittal shall be an interim report documenting known information (all categories), and detailing actions taken by RL to fully comply with the requirements of this determination." RL and ORP understand this to mean that the interim report for year 2000 is based on known information for year 1999 and will not provide information to be generated for the year 2001 report. Further, issues appealed to the Pollution Control Hearings Board will not be included in the reports until settled or adjudicated. We have complied with the directive and are somewhat perplexed by your August 4, 2000 letter. RL and ORP would like to propose that we meet during the week of

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We were greatly encouraged by Dan Silver's comments a couple of weeks ago during his visit to the Hanford Site. He suggested that face-to-face discussions could facilitate a greater understanding of the relative positions of our respective agencies. Such discussions would, in RL's and ORP's opinion, foster a cooperative spirit as we continue this monumental effort to remediate the Hanford Site. If you have questions, please contact me on (509) 376-9628.

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Sincerely,

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